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Sir:

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This response includes the following elements (1) Reformatted Amendments to the claims, and (2) Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 3.

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Amendments

Claims

1. (Amended) A plunger with a flushable plunger cover for a plunger comprising: A rubber plunger with plastic or wooden handle and a flushable cover with the cover comprising a layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a film soluble in water; the layer of film and the layer of paper material being shaped to substantially enclosed a plunger and to maintain integrity during use of the plunger and to breakdown in water so that it is flushable after use.
2. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the layer of the paper material and the layer of film are joined together by one or more of heat, pressure, or adhesive.
3. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a single layer of paper material joined to a single layer of film.
4. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover consists of ~~comprises~~ a single layer of the flushable paper material joined to a single layer of the ~~sandwiched between two layers of~~ film soluble in water.
5. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is a polyvinyl alcohol.
6. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the dissolution rate in water of the film is less than 2 minutes.
7. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is transparent.
8. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the film is coated with an ink
9. (Original) The cover of claim 8 wherein the ink is a non-aqueous ink
10. Cancelled
11. (Amended) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has a concave bottom that substantially conforms to ~~the~~ the concave plunger cup in claim 1.
12. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover is tubular with an open top end for receiving the plunger.
13. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has an open top end and a resealable seam along an axis substantially perpendicular to the open top end.
14. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has a grip area comprising at least one layer of a film soluble in water.

15. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover has an open top end and a tab extending above the open end.

16. (Original) The cover of claim 15 wherein the tab comprises at least one layer of a film soluble in cold water.

17. (Original) The cover of claim 15 wherein the tab is in the shape of one of a semi-circle, square, triangle and rectangle.

18. Cancelled.

19. (Original) The cover of claim 1 wherein the cover is infused with at least one of a cleaner, disinfectant, or fragrance.

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~~19~~. (Original) A non toxic, flushable shield for the plunger to keep the plunger dry and clean during use comprising:

a layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a film soluble in cold water to form a cover;

the cover being shaped to receive the plunger;

wherein the cover provides a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, slides off after use and breaks down in water.

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~~20~~. (Original) A non-toxic, flushable cover for the plunger comprising;
A layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a transparent polyvinyl alcohol film to form a tubular cover with an open top end and a concave bottom;

The flushable paper material and the film being chosen to provide a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, to slide off after use, and to break down in water after a preselected time.

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~~21~~. (Original) A non-toxic, flushable cover for the plunger comprising
A layer of a flushable paper material joined to a layer of a transparent polyvinyl alcohol Film to form a tubular cover with an open top end and a concave bottom;

The flushable paper material and the film being chosen to provide a short-term waterproof barrier to keep the plunger dry and clean during use, to slide off after use, and to break down in water after a preselected time.